

Selection of COA Meeting Dates for 2015 October, 2014

Overview of this Report

At the August meeting of the COA, members decided to change the current calendar, making the October meeting one day only, to be held on Friday, October 3, and to adopt Thursday, February 19, 2015 as the February COA meeting date instead of the suggested February 19-20. Selection of the remaining meeting dates (April, June, August and October) for 2015 was delayed until the October meeting of the COA, when more members would be present and able to provide input. Last year members of the COA agreed that the preferred days to meet are Thursday and Friday. Staff proposes to continue this approach into 2015.

Staff Recommendation

That the COA takes action to adopt a meeting schedule for the 2015 year.

Background

Consideration has been given to state, federal and religious holidays. In order to provide sufficient parking in the Commission lot, consideration was also given to the dates the Committee of Credentials meets, when possible. Generally the Committee of Credentials meets the third week of the month. There may be some unavoidable instances in which the COA and COC will be meeting the same week.

Committee of Credentials Meetings

2015	
January	21-23
February	18-20
March	18-20
April	15-17
May	20-22
June	24-26
July	22-24
August	19-21
September	16-18
October	21-23
November	18-20
December	16-18

Commission Meeting Schedule

2015
February 12-13
April 23-24
June 18-19
August 13-14
October 8-9
December 3-4

In addition, the proposed schedule has been designed to avoid conflicts with the following annual educational conferences:

Conference	2015
Ted Andrews Winter Symposium- NASDTEC Conference	February 4-6
Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)	February 13-17
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)	Feb 27-March 1
California Council of Teacher Education (CCTE)	March 19-21
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	April 16-20

Conference	2015
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	Typically held the third week in May
National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)	June 7-9
NCPEA Annual Conference	August 4-7
Credential Counselors and Analysts of California (CCAC)	October 14-15
California Council of Teacher Education (CCTE)	October 22-24

The Commission sets its calendar on a calendar year basis while historically the COA has set its calendar on a fiscal/school year basis. For the past two years the COA acted on dates through the end of the 2014 year, bringing the COA schedule setting in line with the Commission. Provided below are the *adopted* COA meeting dates for Fall 2014 and the *proposed* meeting dates for the spring of 2015. Staff has noted for the spring visits the approximate number of site visit reports, excluding any revisits or removal of stipulation reports. It is certainly possible that some of these visit reports be carried over for consideration at the August 2015 meeting.

Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates

Meeting Month	Proposed COA Meeting Dates	Day of the Week
February 2015 (approx. 3 visit reports)	Adopted: February 19, 2015	Thursday-
April 2015 (approx. 19 visit reports)	Option 1: April 9-10, 2015 Option 2: April 30-May 1	Thursday-Friday
June 2015 (approx. 17 visit reports)	Option 1: June 11-12, 2015 Option 2: June 25-26, 2015	Thursday-Friday
August 2015	Option 1: August 6-7, 2015 Option 2: August 20-21, 2015 Option 3: August 27-28, 2015	Thursday-Friday Thursday-Friday Thursday-Friday
October 2015	Option 1: October 1-2, 2015 Option 2: November 5-6, 2015 Option 3: November 19-20, 2015	Thursday-Friday Thursday-Friday Thursday-Friday

Bold represents staff's first choice of meeting dates.

Staff proposes that the COA adopt meeting dates through the end of 2015.